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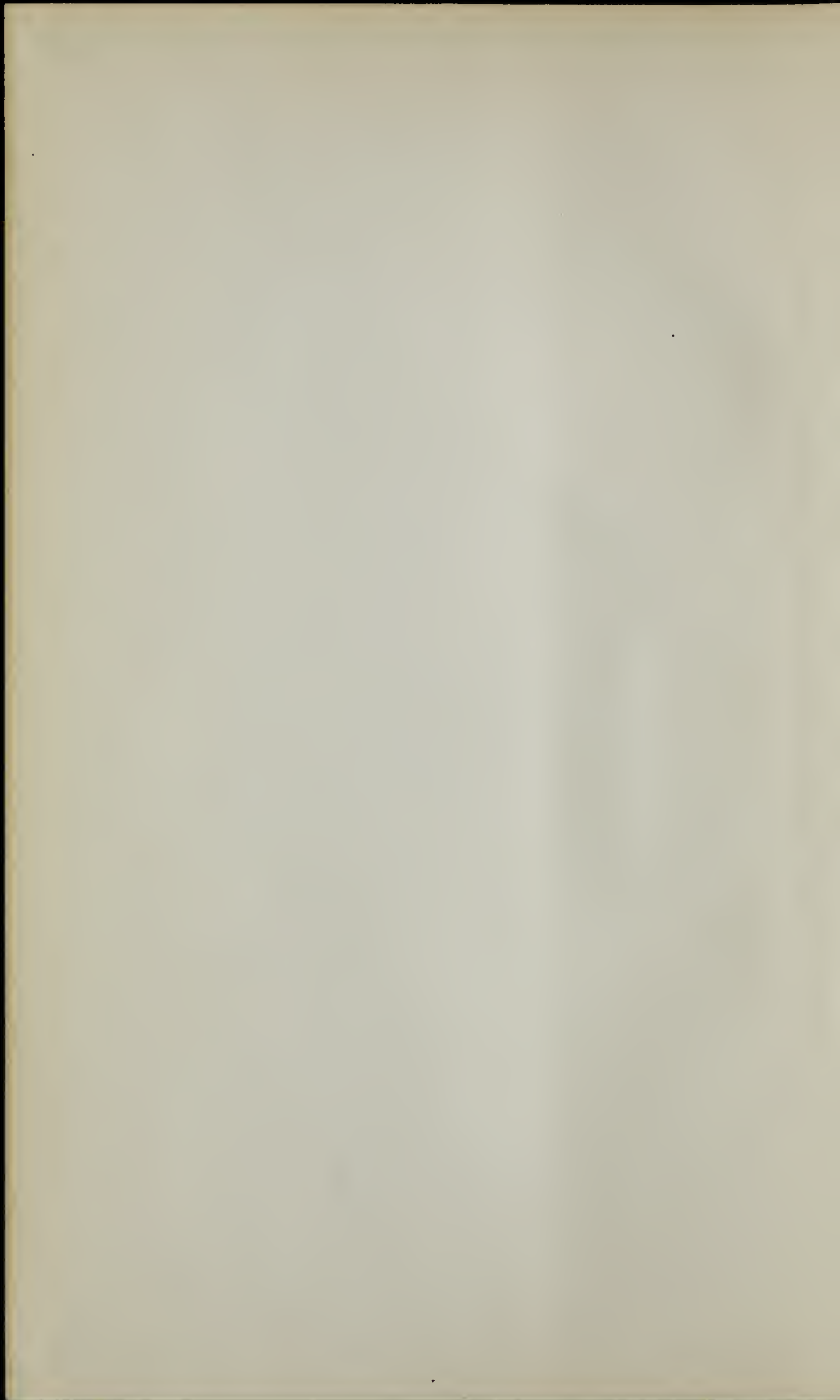


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NOAH H. CHILES AND FAMILY (1894 OR 95)
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## Some Historical Facts About The Chiles Family

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By this I mean an effort to set up the names of the decendents of my great grand-father Paul Chiles, who they married, where they lived, the number and names of their children, and other facts of interest that were obtainable.

These records were first brought up to the date of 1939, Since that other facts have been found, and naturally many changes have occured. So efforts have been made to bring it up to date of going to press, Nov. 1957. But where nothing more is known about a family, and to put down the date would not be misleading, then (1939) will be inserted at the close of such paragraphs.

Paul Chiles and wife Catherine, were the parents of nine children, known, who lived to be grown, married and had children, 56 being the number of grand-children according to the records.

The above couple in earlier years lived about 15 miles north-east of Knoxville, Tenn. At least they owned property there, and had married children there, before moving to Indiana. The grave of Paul Chiles is in Miller Cemetery, just east of Gilman, Deleware County, Indiana, not far from the city of Muncie. Data on the tombstone reads: "Died September 16, 1855, age 73 years, 10 months and 8 days. He was a member of the M. E. Church" By his side rests the body of his wife Catherine, who died October 23 1875, at or near Tipton Indiana, thirty miles away, at 85 years of age. Her grand-son Lewis Coffee Childs, in a letter to me, many years ago said: "I remember them bringing her body over there in a wagon, and it took them over a day to make the trip".

Eight of the nine children of Paul and Catherine Chiles emigrated to Indiana from Tennessee with, before or after their parents. Part of them, very likely most of them, were married before they left Tennessee. Records show that some of the grand-children born in Tennessee,



were about the same age as others born in Indiana. One son, Henry had a son born to him and his second wife in Tennessee, nearly two years after his father Paul Chiles had died in Indiana.

Quotations will be given now from records in the Court House at Knoxville Tennessee given to us first by Ira Nelson Chiles and later observed by my nephew Henry M. Chiles.

"On October 20, Paul Chiles constitutes Solomon Chiles and Henry Chiles, his attorneys, and on March 29 1854, as attorneys for Paul Chiles, conveyed certain land to Wm. H. Dinwiddie" :230 acres in Knox and Grainger counties for \$850 cash (Vol. 52-154,158).

"Whereas by decent from Paul Chiles deceased, Solomon Chiles, Henry Chiles Jr., John Chiles, Paul Chiles Jr., Nancy Jesse, Elizabeth Johnson, Tabitha Reeder, Roday Devault, Rebeka E. Tinker, Noah Chiles and Phebe Chiles, Solomon Chiles and Henry Chiles, acting for the group sold a piece of land to Wm. Lewis. Date Nov. 15, 1856. The parcel was in two sections, 236 and 72 acres" (Vol. V.2-396), for \$300 to each of the above.

On July 4, 1857 Catherine Chiles Sr., and Abraham Devault and Rhoda, his wife, Wm. R. Tinker and Rebeka, Green P. Reeder and Tabitha his wife, Nancy Jesse, Phebe C. Chiles and Noah H. Chiles of Indiana, heirs of Paul Chiles, sold certain land in Knox County for \$225" (Vol. WZ-252) (Note the variation of names in the above paragraphs, some of them not listed elsewhere.)

Some other relatives not bearing the Chiles name are put in, especially grand-children and great grand-children of the original pair, but could not go too far with that also is not so easily found, often not so much interested, and also the family tree would grow into a forrest after a while.

#### *KNOWN CHILDREN OF THESE ANCESTORS WHO MOVED FROM TENNESSEE TO INDIANA*

1. Rhoda Chiles Devault: was born in Tennessee and likely married there as the husband's name is familiar to that section. Her body lies buried in Miller cemetery, Delaware county Indiana. She was the mother of two daughters (1939).

2. Mrs. Tabbie Reeder. In my childhood, she and her

husband returned to Tennessee for a visit. They gave me a little toy wagon, with a boy on it, holding a sword, which I have kept till this day. She was the mother of ten daughters, and died in Tipton county Indiana.

3. Catherine Chiles Darling: bore the given name of her mother, who made her home with her in the later years of her life and died there. Catherine Chiles Darling was the mother of three sons and two daughters; the daughters both died at Kempton Indiana; two of the sons died at Tipton Indiana; the other son, Wesley Darling, was living at Frankfort Indiana in 1936. I had an appreciative letter from him. He died March 12, 1938, aged about 80 years, having been born at Vernon, Jennings county, Indiana. He and his wife Laura, who died in March 1921, have two sons living as follows: (1) Lawrence Darling of 2022 Scott St., Lafayette Ind., born July 18, 1896, married Helen Olive Percy, children: Jack E. deceased, Jerry E. and Phillip Gene; (2) Fred Darling, 18 N. Tremont St., Indianapolis, born Jan 3, 1892, married Emma Drummonds, one son, Billy.

Three of the grandsons and two of the grand-daughters of Catherine Chiles Darling, children of her daughter Hattie, were living in Indianapolis in 1939.

4. —Rebecca Chiles Tinker, died at Frankton Indiana, the mother of 4 boys, one of whom, Noah Tinker, died July 9, 1935 in California. Mrs. Ermil Webb who in 1939 lived at 1518 Hendricks St., Anderson Indiana, a daughter of Noah Tinker.

5. Ailsie Chiles Trout, another well known name in Tennessee, was the mother of three sons and one daughter. She died in Tipton county Indiana, (1939).

6. Martha Chiles Major, a well known Tennessee name, was the mother of 4 sons. She died in Tipton County, Indiana. (1939).

7. Noah Chiles, died April 15, 1876 in Delaware County Indiana at the age of 41 years and nine months, body buried in Bethel cemetery there. He was the father of two sons and two daughters: Oscar and Weldy, Laura and Minta. In 1939 the widow of Oscar Chiles lived at 808 West Main St., Muncie, Indiana. Children living are Will P. Chiles of Ann Arbor Michigan, and Maude Chiles Rawlings



of Muncie, Indiana, Rt. 4.

8. Henry W. Chiles was born March 1, 1822 in Knox County, Tenn. His first wife was Mary Ann Foust who died Feb. 4, 1854, the mother of one son Wm. Zerah. His second marriage was to Melvina Angeline Foust. To them were born nine children, some of whom died while quite young, burials in Zachary burial ground, which I visited, and saw the graves, on Friday June 22, 1956.

In the eighteen hundred and sixties Henry W. Chiles with his family followed on to Indiana. They made the journey in a covered wagon and settled in Madison County of that state. They bought a quarter section of timber land, built a cabin out of logs, and made clearings for farming. There he died on June 30, 1867, burial in Heagy cemetery. On his tombstone the "e" is dropped and "d" inserted in spelling of the name.

The widow with her children moved over into Deleware County, locating on a small farm north of the city of Muncie, but after a short time moved back into Madison County.

The widow of Henry W. Childs was later married to George H. Berry. To this union was born a daughter Bertha Berry, May 26, 1872, married to John Wilson July 19, 1891. He died March 1, 1923. "Aunt Bertha" lived till May 15, 1953. They were the parents of eight children, dear to the above Childs family.

#### *SONS OF HENRY W. CHILDS*

1852 Wm. Zerah (Zerry) Childs, born in Tennessee on March 9, 1852, removed to Indiana, as above, later on returned to Tennessee for a few years, and was married to Fannie Jackson. Three daughters were born to them; Carrie, Cleo, and Callie. Later he, with his family, moved back to Indiana, locating at Anderson, where he died February 24, 1920.

Carrie Childs was married to Frank Brundage. Their son, Wm. S. Brundage was born in 1909, lives in Anderson, married to Ruth Cunningham, and to them have been born two children: a daughter Marilyn in 1931 and a son David in 1944. This daughter Marilyn was married to Fred Davis and to them have been born two children, a

daughter Cynthia in 1953, and a son Charles Thomas in 1954.

Carrie was married again, this time to Uern Young and to them one son Joseph was born in 1941, and a daughter, Doris Young who married Ray Pugh, and one daughter was born to them. Carrie died in Phoenix, Arizona in 1941.

Cleo, daughter of Zerry Childs, married Charley Trader, now deceased; she is now living in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Callie, the youngest daughter of Zerry Childs, was born November 26, 1897. On November 21, 1914 she was united in marriage to Archie Rodgers. They had one daughter Rosemary Louise, born August 21, 1915; she was married to William E. Paxton of Circleville, Ohio on December 1, 1935 and has three children: Wm. E. Paxson, Jr., born October 30, 1938, Roger born January 25, 1941, and Marylin born February 23, 1943.

The one son of Archie and Callie Rodgers was Archie Wm. Rodgers, born March 13, 1917 and died May 8, 1935 at 22 years of age, and unmarried.

Archie Rodgers Sr., and his wife Callie operated, very successfully, a cleaning establishment in Springfield, Ohio, for many years. After his death, March 1953, the widow has continued the business.

2. Maynard Childs, son of Henry Childs, born May 20, 1859, owned and operated a good small farm north of Anderson, Indiana. He was the father of one son and one daughter. He died in 1912. His wife was Sarah R. Hensley who died in 1898.

The daughter, Lula married Robert Murphy, who died in 1950. Lula lives south of Muncie, Indiana on R.R. 5. She has no children.

The only son of Maynard Childs, James Oliver was born in 1889 and lived on the home place; he was married to Bessie Fosnot and unto them were born two sons and three daughters;

The wife and mother died in 1919. Brief records of the children are given as follows: (1) James Childs was married to May Brown. To them have been born three children: (a) Larrie Lee married Marilyn Taylor; (b) Norman, married Marie Blankenberger; (c) Thomas Childs.

(2). Lucile married Delmo McKinley. Four children



have been born to them as follows: (a) James Emory McKinley married Phyllis Wilson, and have one son, Randy Dale; (b) Patricia Ann McKinley, married William Bird, and have two sons, Jerry and Michael; (c) Lela Lucile and (d) Francis McKinley.

(3). Freda Childs married John Sipe. They have one daughter Beverly Sue, whose husband is David Blades.

(4). Bernice Childs was married to Earl LeRoy Hull who died January 15, 1951. The names of their children are Janet Kay, Loretta Jean, and Sharon Louise.

(5). Rex Childs. This little son was born at about the time of the death of his mother. Soon he was adopted by his father's sister, Mrs. Lula Childs Murphy, and lived with her until his death about thirteen years later.

After the death of his first wife, James Oliver Childs was married to Mabel Wasson who survives him. To them one child was born, a daughter Ollie Fostina now Mrs. Ronald King of Muncie, Indiana, who has a daughter, Kera Lynn by name.

James Oliver (Ollie) Childs died on Wednesday December 5, 1956 at his farm home near Daleville Indiana, where he was born and had spent most of his life. Funeral services were conducted at Pleasant Run church with burial in the Jones cemetery. He was 67 years of age, and had 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

3. John John Linville Childs, son of Henry W. Childs' was born in Knox County Tennessee, at the foot of House Mountain, February 25, 1857, about 15 miles, north-east of Knoxville. He was a small boy when his parents removed to Indiana, as told above.

His first marriage was to Samantha Thornburg of Madison County, Indiana. She died in the month of August 1888 at the birth of their fourth child.

His second marriage was to Margaret Ann Brandon, whose birth-place was Meadville Pennsylvania. She became the mother of five children.

John L. Childs, 2nd, and youngest child in this family furnished many of the details in this part of the family history. He says: "To our parents, my brothers, my sisters and myself, owe a debt of gratitude for things that money cannot buy: a heritage of good character and worthy examples of Christian living.

"They were charter members of The Church of the

Brethren (Dunkard), at Anderson, Indiana, and members of it the rest of their lives. They and a few other pioneers of like faith, established it by determined will and sheer hard work."

John L. Childs died April 25, 1925, body burried in Wesley Chapel Cemetery, north of Anderson, in Madison County, long since abandoned and kept up mostly by the children of the above. This wife and mother passed away on Christmas day, 1954, at the age of eighty-four years. The words of Psalm 34:10 applied well to these parents: "Come ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord." Of the nine children of John Linville Childs seven grew to muturity, four sons and three daughters.

*THE FOUR SONS OF JOHN LINVILLE CHILDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:*

(1) Thomas Alvis Childes (note change of spelling, "e" was added) of Anderson, Indiana born near that city on June 10, 1886 and died in that city September 24, 1944, with burial in the Jones Cemetery, north of Anderson. He was married to Mary E. Walker September 3, 1910; they were the parents of two children. The son, Donald Max Childes, was born January 2, 1923, and was married to Lolita Montgomery. They have two sons: Douglas Montgomery Childes born August 26, 1947 and Bradley Thomas Childes born May 10, 1950. Donald Max Childes was a student at Purdue University when he left to serve his country as a bomber pilot in World War II. On his 26th mission his plane was shot down, and he was taken to prison where he remained until the close of the war, seven months later. The daughter of Thomas Childes, Marilyn Jane, was born April 8, 1934, and was married to Asa Hackney; they are the parents of a daughter La Jayne; a second daughter Jeanne Lynn was born Oct. 31, 1956.

(2) The next son of John Linville, is Gola Marcus Childes, born June 11, 1893, married Ethel Huffman of Fishersburg, Indiana in 1927. He served in World War One and helped gather much of this family history.

(3) Herman Edward is the next son of John Linville Childs and was born in Anderson, Indiana, October 29, 1898, married Pearl Cooper, January 8, 1914, two daughters, Evelyn Louise and Mary Katherine; both are now married:



Evelyn to Kenneth Hacker, and Mary Katherine to Karl Lawson, all residing in Anderson, Indiana. Herman lives in Anderson with his present wife, Irene Stevens, of Daleville, Indiana, to whom he was married in 1945.

(4) The last and youngest child of John Linville Childs, John Linville 2nd, was born November 12, 1905, married Mary Emma Knight of Anderson, Indiana, on September 18, 1927. To them children were born as follows: John Linville Childs 3rd., born September 29, 1929, was graduated from Kentucky Military Institute in 1949, and enlisted in the U. S. Air Force, serving in the Korean War. He was married to Helen Jeanette Johnson on September 8, 1957. She is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana.

The second son, George Thomas Childs, born November 19, 1931, became a graduate of Purdue University and is now a student of Dentistry at Indiana University; the one daughter Nancy Sue was married to Stephen Pakes on August 28, 1954; they are now living in Columbus, Ohio, where he is a student of Veterinary Medicine at Ohio State University. To the home and hearts of this last mentioned young couple is to be added now the name of Michael Peter Pakes, born Feb. 10' 1957.

#### *DAUGHTERS OF JOHN LINVILLE CHILDS*

(1) The eldest daughter of John Linville Childs was Bessie Elva, who married Frank Fuller, live in Anderson, Indiana, and had two daughters, Nellie Opal and Mabel Marie; Nellie was married to Wiliam Irvin. She passed away July 27, 1951. Mabel was married to David Parsons on October 27, 1927 and has one daughter, Lou Ann, born April 5, 1929. Lou Ann was married to Richard Wyatt; they have one son Eddie Gene and two daughters, Connie Sue, and Jennie Lou, and were living in Orlando, Florida in 1956. Mabel Marie Fuller Parsons is now married to Paul Staton; they are living in Anderson, Indiana.

(2) Emma Bernice Childs, married Walter J. Martin, lived in Detroit Michigan most of her married life and after the death of her husband, made her home again in Anderson, lived with her mother, and gave her loving care until the time of her mother's death.

(3) The youngest one of the daughters of John Linville Childs, Ethel Marie was born October 3, 1903, married James W. Amos of Rushville, Indiana, on January 23, 1925;

they have two children: Betty Lou, born October 5, 1927 and Jo Ann born August 13, 1929. Betty Lou was married to Kenneth Hersberger of Lapel, Indiana. They had a son Kenneth Wayne, who died at birth, and two other sons, Jeffrey born August 9, 1955 and David Craig born Jan. 6, 1957.

The other daughter of James W. Amos and wife, married Arthur Branch. They have one son Thomas Edward born Feb. 15, 1954 and a daughter Rebecca Jo born August 13, 1956.

### *"SOME PERSONAL INSIGHTS INTO THE AFFAIRS OF THE ABOVE FAMILY"*

*By John L. Childes, 2nd*

"How devoted the above family have been to one another may be gathered from the following facts. In 1905 John L. Childes, Sr., and the eldest son, Thomas Alvis, organized the Childes Coal Company of Anderson, Indiana.

"In 1916 Gola M. Childes, another son, returned from World War One and joined his father and brother in business, which was the first step in their expansion program. In 1925 the third son, John L. Childes 2nd., returned from college, became a member of the firm, and the second part of the expansion program was begun. The company then entered the building material business and moved to a larger location. The year 1945 saw the third generation of the Childes family entering the organization when Donald M. Childes, son of Thomas A. Childes, returned from World War II and joined in with the others. In 1955 John L. Childes 3rd, son of John L. Childes 2nd, returned from the Korean War, and became a member of the firm.

"In 1950 this Coal and Supply Company became jobbers for the Phillips Petroleum Company and in 1953 entered the petroleum solvent business as jobbers for Anderson-Pritchard Petroleum Company. Thus step by step we have come to where we are now, with the blessing of the Lord. Present name and address is Childes Coal and Supply Co., 25th and Lynn Streets, Anderson, Indiana.

"Seldom does one see a business move forward so steadily under the guidance of a family group as has this one. Much of the success and progress of this organization is to be attributed to its founders who put in to it fine principles of business ethics which are still deeply rooted in



it, now, more than fifty years later.

(4) Lewis Coffee Childs, son of Henry W. Chiles, born January 16, 1863 in Knox County, Tennessee, but a resident of Indiana from early childhood. His wife was Ella Pence who died in 1940 at 75 years of age. Lewis Coffee Childs died in 1945 at 82 years of age. Their bodies lie buried in the Jones Cemetery near the church they loved so well. He was an ordained minister of the Church of the Brethren with membership in the Pleasant Run Church, to which he and his wife devoted much time and effort, for over thirty years, to help keep this rural church going.

To Lewis Coffee Childs and wife five children were born, three of them have died: in 1903 May F., in 1908 Charles H., and Fern W. in 1928. That left two daughters who are still living, both married, and have children:—

Cora Melvina was married to Jesse A. Duncan. They have one daughter deceased, one son Marshall also deceased and four children living as follows: Marie, who married Kenneth Birdwell, one son Eric born to them. Paul Duncan married Cladys Wellington, four children born to them: Norman, Barbara, Charles and Patsy. John Duncan was married to Marie Myric they have one son Ronald. Bernice Duncan was married to Leroy Vanderhuff, two children: Jerry and Judy. Bernice Duncan died in 1955.

Gopha Marie Childs, daughter of Lewis Coffee Childs and wife, married Henry Parkinson, who died in 1930, leaving two children both girls: Mildred married Vernon Connor in 1944, one daughter Kellee born to them in 1955. Juanita Parkinson married Nebbie Joseph in 1955.

While a widow Gopha Marie was faithful in her correspondence with me and so was her father, Lewis Coffee Childs, in getting up facts for the start of the Indiana part of this history. One day she wrote me that in the future she must be addressed as Mrs. Gopha Irelan having been married to Raymond Irelan; that was in 1936. The mailing address of the family was and still is Yorktown, Indiana.

Once Lewis Coffee Childs did carpenter work for a while, but soon moved back to the farm. At one time he owned over 433 acres of good farm land. He assisted his daughter in acquiring much of the information mentioned above.

## *WE KNOW ONE SON OF PAUL AND CATHERINE CHILES WAS LEFT BEHIND IN TENNESSEE*

That was Solomon Chiles, son of Paul and Catherine Chiles, born April 20 1820, and died March 12 1890, body buried in the cemetery of Union Baptist church on Washington Pike, eight miles North east of Knoxville Tenn.

Solomon Chiles was my grandfather and was married to my grandmother, Betsy Jane Shipe, on October 28, 1841. She died on Nov. 22, 1883, and event that cast a deep shadow over my father's heart and home; burial was in Zachary grave yard. My brother, Luther, and I went to visit the grave on June 22, 1956, and did not find it at first, as a beautiful boxwood, planted at the headstone, had wrapped its evergreen limbs entirely about it, but the lettering was almost as fresh as new. The bodies of her parents are buried on a high hill a few miles from there just off of the old Rutledge road, to the left going west.

After the death of his first wife, Solomon Chiles was married to Fannie Jackson. To them two children were born, who died while they were quite young, and the mother did not live long afterward.

To Solomon Chiles and Betsy Jane Chiles were born ten children, all now deceased. (The first five are listed in order of birth; the last five for convenience of reading; notice the dates).

1. Their first child was Margaret Catherine, married Isaac Devalut of Union County, died March 23 1880, leaving one daughter Mary Jane Devault who became the wife of W. P. Tarver, my mother's brother, and about a year later died with her babe.

2. The second child of Solomon Chiles and Betsy Jane Shipe Chiles was Mary Jane, born Feb. 10, 1844, married Hut Rutherford and died at the age of 45, leaving two daughters and two sons, all of whom became raliway telegraphers. For many years before his death one son I. J. Rutherford lived at Augusta, Georgia. The older son, John Rutherford retired and lived in Nashville, Tennessee.

3. Diana Louise was born on Christmas Day, 1845.

4. Solomon Scott Chiles was born November 27, 1847. He and his sister mentioned above each died at about the age of twenty-five years.



5. Next came George Washington Chiles, October 18, 1849—September 8, 1919. Uncle George was a typical bachelor, good natured, lived alone, part of the time in very lonely places, very neat and clean, about his house-keeping. In later life did not often go to public gatherings of any kind, died at the age of nearly seventy, having spent his entire life in the community where he was born.

6. Martha Emeline, born April 12, 1858; died in December of that same year.

7. Sara Almeda, born July 8, 1861, died December 1, 1889. At the age of eighteen years she was married to W. C. (Bud) Frost. To them were born three children, Myrtle J., Charles Solomon, and Elmer.

8. John Alexander Chiles was born November 3, 1851, lived to be nearly fifty-one years of age and was twice married; first to Nancy Jane Bledsoe on November 16, 1871. She became the mother of two sons: Beecher, born May 10, 1873 died July 4, 1876; Elmer born on Christmas Day 1875, joined the United States Army about the time of the Spanish-American War, was on the Military Police Force in Manila, Phillippine Islands. After discharge from the military, he came to occupy a civil service position over there.

After the death of his first wife, John Alexander Chiles, was married to Ida May Farmer, who became the mother of nine children. For a good many years the family lived at Thorn Grove, Tennessee, while he worked as a finishing carpenter on houses in Knoxville and for awhile at Jacksonville, Florida. At one time he recieved a prize for expert use of the hand plane.

Brief records of these nine children are given below:

(1). Maud B. Chiles, born April 3, 1883, married Silas Laugherty; three sons were born to them; (a) Elmer died in infancy; (b) Ray, married Margaret Clark, four children born to them, Mary Jean, Buddy, Carolyn, and Shirley Clark; (c) Earl and his wife Nelle became the parents of three children.

In later life, Maud B. Chiles, now deceased, was married to George Gore. To them were born two children: Ann Gore, who married Franklin Akers, have two children, Gene and Carol Ann; Georgia Gore, who married Ray Godfrey, one child born to them.

(2) Lucy Elizabeth Chiles, born September 25, 1885, married George Perry, deceased, four children; (a) Estella E. Perry, married Ivan Tipton, one son Dennis; (b) Alex Perry, married Theresa Jimborski, one son Bobbie; (c) Hallie N. Perry, married Gwendelyn Monday, one son Richard; (d) Irene Perry married Robert Frankum, four children: Carolyn, Edwin, Dorothy and Robbie.

(3) Louis Alexande Chiles, born January 3, 1886, deceased, was twice married, first to Izetta Gaston, later to Sadie Butcher, the latter now living in Knoxville, Tennessee. Each of these wives was the mother of a child, Clara and Louis Jr., respectively. Louis Sr. was for thirty years in the United States Naval Service, much of that time a Recruiting Officer. Louis Jr., born August 2, 1922, married Grace Hoffman of near Gatlinburg, Tennessee. They have two children: Laura Allen, five years of age, and Louis Craig, three years of age. Louis A. Chiles Jr., is a Radio Announcer over WROL, Knoxville, Tennessee.

(4) Willie Ethel Chiles, born 1888, married John Gulley, four children were born to them.

(5) Nellie Zion Chiles, born August 29, 1889, married Joseph Claiborn Anderson, who died February 2, 1944. Four children born to them: (a) Louis C. Anderson, married Catherine O'Connor, three children: Lewis Jr., Michael and Stephen. (b) Norman S. Anderson, married Margurite Burkert, two sons, Donald Lee, and Joseph Earl. (c) Pauline Anderson, married Charles Everett, one daughter, Judy Zion. (d) Virginia J. Anderson, married V. G. Kennedy.

Cousin Nellie did much to help gather statistics about her father's family, and gave the writer much encouragement in his task of writing this history. Her address is 2700 Jefferson Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

(6) John A. Chiles Jr. married Lela Bolinger; no children.

(7) Callie R. Chiles, born June 27, 1892, died in infancy.

(8) Alice Angelina Chiles, born February 1897, lived only one month.

(9) Arthur W. Chiles, born January 1, 1898, married Theresa Cooper. They are the parents of three children:



Winifred, Ida Mary and Jimmie.

This is a long list. The name and influence of Uncle John will live on and on in the lives of his decedents. May it be for the good of people and the glory of God.

2. William Henry Chiles, born February 4, 1954, in Knox County, Tennessee, married Nannie Rutherford, who died Nov. 5, 1920. To them were born five sons and one daughter as follows: (1) Albert O. Chiles, born June 10, 1880. Later he made his home in Knoxville, Tennessee, and died there in September 1950. His wife was Constance Gibbs. Three daughters were born to them, all living and married as follows: (a). Margaret was married to Arthur Jones. Their home is in Alexandria, Virginia. He is a government employee. They have one son John and an adopted daughter, Connie. (b) Hazel Chiles married Fred Demarcus, who is in railway service, and make their home in Atlanta Georgia. (c) Elizabeth's husband is Robert Johnson, a Presbyterian minister now professor of Theology in Western Theological Seminary at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. They have three sons Robert 13. Richard Albert 12, David Randall 10, and a daughter Catherine 6 years of age.

(2). Bruce H. Chiles, was born August 27, 1882, and married Irene Rutherford, now deceased. They had one daughter Ruth, who married Walter Bales, and are now living in Louisville, Ky. They have three children, a daughter Patricia Louise, and sons, Bucky and Bruce.

Bruce H. Chiles was for some years a deputy U. S. Marshall with headquarters at Johnson City, Tennessee. He now lives with his second wife Jeanette Wagner at Canton Miss.

(3). Charles Key Chiles was born July 30 1886, and married Sue Kitts of Corryton, Tennessee, now deceased. They were the parents of two children. Harold, the son, was married to Mattie Hartman. To them was born one son, Harold Junior. Harold Chiles Sr., is now living in Pennsylvania with his second wife Marilyn. They have three sons, David Loring, Robert Stewart and Carl Albert.

Charles Chiles' daughter Mildred, became a school teacher, and made a home with and for her father, and at the same time carried on her profesion. On November 10, 1954 she was married to Clay C. Davis, formerly of Arkan-



sas, now with the post office at Knoxville Tenn. They have taken over the old Rutherford homestead, where the wife of Wm. H. Chiles was reared, out 15 miles from Knoxville, and now the three live there in the quiet of beautiful rural surroundings.

(4) Dee Patton Chiles was born November 2 1889, married Myrtis Hadsock of High Springs, Florida, who did not live long. To them one child was born, Lofton Dee Chiles on September 8, 1915. This son now lives at 734 Hempstead Street, Orlando, Florida, and is connected with Shreve Auto-Electric Co. His wife was Jean Jackson of Apopka, Florida. They have two daughters, Mary Dee, and Pamela Jean, aged ten and eight years respectively. Today is January 16, 1957, and this family is just back from the funeral and burial of Dee Patton Chiles at Goldsboro N. C. where he died January 6. His wife, Nona Dennis, survives him. For years he was dispatcher at Miami for the Florida East Coast Railway Line.

(5). Frank Chiles was born at Corryton, Tenn., married in Florida where he was employed for several years, returned to Tennessee, and died at Johnson City in 1930 at the age of 31. His widow, the former Lucille Dunn, now lives in New Orleans.

(6). Grace Chiles, only daughter of her parents, married Luther R. Ault of Corryton Tenn. Later he became engaged in business at Johnson City, Tenn. where they have since made their home, now at 324 W. Watauga Avenue. He is now zone manager for, Investors Diversified Services Inc., These two gave beautiful care to her father during the closing years of his life. He died Sept. 11, 1940. Funeral was at Corryton; I assisted in the services; burial in Greenwood cemetery at Knoxville. This cousin, Grace Chiles Ault, never seemed to tire in helping to get up facts pertaining to the history of our people.

At the time of his death, Uncle Will Chiles, was 86 years, four months and two days or age. He was 19 months old when his grand-father Paul Chiles died in Indiana, and 21 years old when the grand-mother Catherine Chiles died up there. He outlived all the other grand-children of that couple in Tenn., and all but one of the entire 56 grand-children so far as we have data, That exception was Lewis Coffee Childs of Yorktown, Indiana, who died in 1945 at the age of 82 years.



3. Noah Hampton Chiles, was born January 8, 1956, died at the home on his farm, near Corryton Knox County, Tennessee, about two miles from the place of his birth. He was our father.

For the last twelve years of his life, he was a rural mail carrier and liked it. He was put off at 65 years of age, and lived less than three weeks afterwards. Pneumonia took him.

In early life he joined Little Flat Creek Baptist church, served as its clerk for many years, later as a deacon and later still was in the organization of Corryton church.

He took his children to Sunday school and church services, and went to prayer meeting when they had it.

Never did I see him so happy as when some of his dear ones would accept Christ as their Saviour. He took his family to larger religious gatherings to hear leading ministers and laymen, and delighted to have them visit in our home, a plain, but I must say, not an ordinary place. My memory of it reminds me of Deuteronomy 6:6,7: "And these words, which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

Once when my sister and I started to Carson and Newman college, Pa took us the twenty miles, along with the things necessary for us to keep house, in a two horse wagon, over dirt roads, fording a river on the way. "Love never faileth" (1 Cor. 13:8). Two years ago I had the privilege of building one duplex, and my sister three there that others might have now what we needed then. Pa never knew what was to be the full meaning of his hard trip.

"Behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace" Ps. 37:37 That was true of him. When the end came, he quietly opened his eyes, folded his arms across his breast and "fell asleep" (Acts 7:60). That was just after midnight, January 31, 1921.

Our father could never have been the great heart that he was without the help of our mother, so full of industry, economy, good works, faith and good will. She loved and was loved until the day of her death, May 29th, 1942,

at the age of 86 years, five months and 9 days.

The oldest and youngest children of our parents died before they reached three years of age. My mother often told me how Leona Gertrude liked to rock me in the little box cradle in which my father had lain when he was a child, and all of his children and some of his grandchildren after him. Walter Diaz had as the last part of his name that of a then famous missionary to Cuba.

(1). My name comes next, John Russell Chiles born October 20, 1879, trusted Christ as Saviour, August 1894, baptized in Little Flat Creek in September by Pastor J. L. Dance, ordained to the ministry, August 6, 1899.

While a student at Carson and Newman college (1896-1900), I was pastor for over a year of a little church near Morristown, Tenn. that later dissolved on account of removals. We had a good revival, with I think thirteen baptisms. One of them later became a preacher.

The first revival I held myself was out from Jonesboro, Tenn., Enon Baptist church. A retired dentist, Wm. Smith, got me to come there. His prayers and talks and personal work had much to do with the success of it. It lasted 2 and one-half weeks with many baptisms, and a new house of worship soon built.

While a student (1900-1903) at the Louisville Seminary I became pastor of Corn Creek Baptist church in Trimble County which had been quit for six months. One woman said she had prayed daily for it to begin again. We had a good revival with a number baptized in the Ohio river. Later I accepted calls to Poplar Ridge near by, and to Buffalo Lick in Shelby County. Total baptisms were about 45. At Corn Creek church W. A. M. Wood and at Poplar Ridge church E. L. Averitt increased their church activities and later became useful ministers.

In the fall of 1903 I went to Blackville and Healing Springs churches in South Carolina for a year, and then to LaFollette, Tenn., for over a year. On January 1, 1906 we removed to Jonesboro, Tenn., and was there, and at Philadelphia church, for three years.

From there it was about eight miles to the com-muodious pastor's home of the First Baptist church of Johnson City where we went next. We hired wagons to take what we had, and tied our cow to the last one. Cows



roamed the streets there then. That had been an issue in a recent mayor's election, and the cows held their privileges. We had also a chicken lot and a garden; so the pastor could take his exercise in a practical and profitable way. Varsity is necessary, but waste of time is a waste of life. Many Americans are turning to commercialized sports. So did ancient Greece and Rome in the days of their decadence. "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Ps. 90:12).

About July 1, 1910 we removed to the Mount Pleasant Baptist church at Keene Kentucky, and remained three years and five months in that beautiful Bluegrass Country. The church had a mission at Pinckard, a village four miles away, with afternoon Sunday school, and preaching two Sunday nights per month. Later I became pastor at Clover Bottom church for the other two Sunday afternoons. The total baptisms were 102.

On beyond Pinckard toward Versailles was old Clear Creek church, the second oldest in that part of the state, with a good house but no services. An aged widow who had reared her children in it, said that automobiles had hurt it, having just come around then, and roads were good. She cared. An elderly blacksmith had come and sat several times about the front door when nobody else came. Diary note, date of March 31, 1911: "Over to Clear Creek; twelve calls among the people, trying to revive the work again. Some are hopeful. Many need a blessing. Will hold worship there on Sunday night". After I went away others carried on. A letter from up there dated Dec. 28, 1956 says "membership 380," Personal missions have a place in pastoral service.

Our next move was back to Tennessee, to Rogersville, October 1, 1914, and remained exactly 29 years. A new house of worship was built, paid for and dedicated with sermon by the renowned Greek scholar, A. T. Robertson of Louisville, Kentucky, my former teacher. That same afternoon he preached the sermon of dedication for our Big Creek mission church. For four years I had the Persia church for one, and then two, afternoon services per month. Then for years I had a circuit of afternoon missions, four of which, including the above, have become well organized churches with adequate houses of worship. Total



baptisms were 694, received otherwise 317, a total of 1011. Of course in local missions like the above, the minister went once or twice per month, the superintendents and teachers went every Sunday.

In 1946 my book, *Beauty for Ashes*, was published. It consists of 36 funeral messages about persons from one day to ninety three years of age, and in the various walks and conditions of life, with INTRODUCTION by the then President John R. Sampey of the Louisville Seminary, and eight MEMORIAL PAGES in the rear, with the names of 867 persons, whose funerals I conducted, or assisted in conducting, in connection with the Rogersville pastorate. Also I walked with the deacons over the farm land, which the church bought, for what is now Beautiful Highland Cemetery. I conducted the first burial service in it.

In January 1944 we came to Florida. I was going on 65 years of age, but did not want to quit the work I loved. Ecclesiastes 8:8 says: "There is no discharge in that war". Psalm 92:14 reads: "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age". Jeremiah, the prophet thought of giving up, but an inward compulsion kept him from it. "His word was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay" (20:9). That cleared the way to finish two books of the Bible, the one that bears his name and Lamentations. A year in later life may count for more than two years earlier. We have a good example in "such an one as Paul the aged" (Philemon 9). Jesus Himself said: "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:4).

On April 1, 1944, thirteen years ago I took charge of the Baptist church, at Lockhart, Florida, with only three known members. Two Sunday School additions have been made to the forty year old building, each on the pay as you go plan. We now have a little more than \$19,000 in our building fund with which we hope to put a modest new meeting house under roof, and finish it as funds and volunteer labor may come in. "The borrower is servant to the lender" (Prov. 22:7). So churches especially need to be careful. The contractor has already commenced his work (Oct. 14, 1957).

The number of baptisms here now stands at 186.

Our church sponsored Wekiwa Springs mission, six miles from here, started, and carried on by a young man who was converted, baptized and ordained here. They have built a good house of worship, and on April 14, 1957 were organized into a church, with a multiple letter from us with names of 64 persons, who had signed personally, to become charter members of it.

Another young man, baptized here, is at college studying for the ministry.

On behalf of Wekiwa Association I was for 8½ years, visitor two afternoon periods per week at Central Florida State Tuberculosis Hospital, with its 403 beds. Many patients, who had lost the joy of their salvation, had it restored, a good part of them, as they read Psalm 51 and in penitence made its words their prayer. By count of the years also there were 104 credible professions of faith. Some under oxygen tents were pointed to "the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

Pardon a little diversion please. Southern Baptist have to date only about 1200 foreign missionaries. Wish the number was much larger. I baptized two of these: Mrs. Joyce Wyatt of Barcelona Spain and Robert Fielden of Corrente Brazil. "Praise ye the Lord" (Ps. 113).

My wife before marriage was Ollie Vernoy Hale, daughter of S. S. Hale and wife, Abbie Breeding, both deceased. He was a useful minister, at one time pastor at Jefferson City, Tenn.

My wife has been active in our churches, in Sunday school, Woman's work and Training Union. Most of the time she has been at the piano, here now at the Hammond organ, put in two years ago by the children of Mrs. Tillie Rose in memory of their mother, the organist for many years, when they used the reed organ.

Two of our babies died, Noah H. at three months and three days, and Henry Miller at eight months and 12 days of age. These were the third and the sixth of our little ones. David lost a little son and in his sorrow said: "I can go to be with him" (2 Sam. 12:23).

Our four living children are: (a) Walter Hale Chiles, born August 26, 1906, long a traveling salesman for the Josten Company of Owatonna Minnesota, later a district sales manager for them. On his 27th birthday, he was



married to Ruth Knopf of Fairfax South Carolina. Two children, Walter Jr., 23, student at The Citadel, and Paul Foster 19, at North Greenville Junior college. Our son Walter is a liberal giver, residence 414 M. Street Cayce, South Carolina.

(b) John R. Chiles Jr. born June 19, 1908, affiliated with Tennessee Eastman Company, Kingsport, Tennessee; married Sarah Parham of that city. Four children born to them, three of them living: Mary Margaret 17, John Parham 14, and Sarah Hale 11. He teaches junior boys in the Sunday school, and is a deacon in his church. All of his family are active in it.

(c) Mary Carolyn Chiles was born August 15, 1915, and married John M. Gray; two sons, John M. jr., 18 now a student in Washington City, and Lawrence 12. They live at Rogersville Tennessee where she was born and reared and teaches a Sunday School class of women in the First Baptist church. Their home is on the good little, suburban, ancestral farm, of her husband, later bought by him.

(d) Julia Rachel Chiles, born September 5, 1918, married Samuel George Lovell of Ocala Florida. He is now pastor of the First Baptist church of Conway S. C. She teaches in the Sunday school there, and is Young Peoples leader in the district association. They have three children: Lewellyn 12, Sammy 10, and Carolyn 4. A fine new house of worship was built in their previous pastorate at Statesboro Ga.

Our four children all attended Mars Hill Junior college, The oldest and the youngest were graduated from Furman University, and the middle two from Carson and Newman college.

Our grand children are professing faith in Christ, and becoming members of churches, as they come to the proper years.

(2). Mrs. Lida Chiles Foster. She is our sister. living now at 3806 Colonial Drive, Columbia S. C. Her husband was Arthur Joshua Foster. They met while students at Carson and Newman college. Later they were married and went to Louisville, Kentucky, where he studied in the S. B. T. Seminary, and pastor for awhile of Thirty-sixth and Grand Avenue church and later at Salem church in Shelby county.

They then removed to South Carolina, where he was pastor for many years, with long periods of semi-invalidism.

His first pastorate was at Bamberg and his last at Sandy Level. In between he served the churches at Allendale, Winnsboro, Shandon and Cayce, the latter two in the capitol area and about seven years each, and also in some rural fields. His wife was ever his helpmeet, and became so proficient in Sunday school work that she became an approved Intermediate Worker for her state and also into other states when called.

He died July 20, 1951. Mention is made already that my sister had built three duplexes at Carson and Newman college for needy students, and now is providing for two other such buildings there, one of them having three units.

(3). Luther Columbus Chiles, my brother, born February 26, 1886, graduate of Carson and Newman college, felt led to rural work, has lived on in the home community, pastor of churches and principal of schools in reach of him, first with the horse and buggy, and the train, and then with the automobile. For 24 years he was principal of the school at Corryton, Tenn., and for 19 years, pastor of Glenwood church near Knoxville, and for several years of Mount Harmony on the other side of the same city. Both are now all time churches. Then he left several smaller ones with their lights shining brighter than when he went to them. Among these was Thorn Grove which he served twice, and Union church where his wife was reared. Her name before marriage was Creola Shipe, from a family of church workers. In Women's Work in the churches and Parent Teacher's associations in the schools, her influence has reached afar.

Five children were born to them, the last one, a little girl, Lida May, who lived only five days. The four sons are as follows: (a) L. C. Chiles Jr., born June 27, 1914, a good college debater, long a traveling salesman for Josten Company, and an active worker in the First Baptist church of High Point, N. C., where he makes his home. His wife before marriage was Lillah Victoria Mikell of Estill, S. C. They have two children, David 14 and Dixie 9 years of age.

(b) Clarence Shipe Chiles, born September 5, 1917. For years now he has been a pilot with Eastern Airlines, with flights for a long time from Atlanta, Georgia, where



he met and married Eleanor Dees. They have three children, Cheryl 11, Lane Dees 8 and Suzanne 3. His station has been changed to Miami, Florida. So far Providence has watched over him and his passengers have had safe landing.

(c) Noah Hampton Chiles. After being graduated from Louisville Medical college, practiced awhile and then went to Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota for 3½ years, and had opportunity to remain there. Now he practices Internal Medicine at High Point, North Carolina. His marriage was to Diana Griffin of Louisville, Kentucky. They have four little girls, all born since 1950. Their names are Lisa, Cynthia, Carolyn, and Catherine.

Noah Hampton Chiles was born three days after the death of his grand-father, whose full name he bears. A new church was needed in the section of the city where he lives. He went into it by letter and his wife by baptism. His mother writes: "They take the children to Sunday school and keep them for church". Mantles of the past still fall upon the willing shoulders of the present (2 Kings 2.13,14).

(d) Henry Monroe Chiles, born July 5, 1923, graduate of Carson and Newman college, and of the Louisville Seminary, married Reberta Clark, two children: Ann 9 and Lynn Clark 5. He is pastor of the Central (Bearden) Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tennessee, where a new Sunday school building has been erected, and on July 14, 1957 the ground breaking ceremony was held for the erection of a new auditorium, a large expensive one.

### TRUE RECREATION IS RE-CREATIVE

My Brother's boys carried on the various helpful projects of the rural home and school, and received many valuable awards, but the main one was in sensible living.

Contacts with nature are always helpful. Our parents brought us up that way. Once they took us seven miles to a mountain where huckleberries were ripe and plentiful. I picked five gallons of them that day.

Later on it was my custom to spend the fourth of July in the pasture fields, picking black berries, usually with fellow pastors or other friends. The colors were there too, red on your fingers, white light all around, and the blue sky above. Cattle were there, a few horses, and at some

places may be a small flock of sheep growing the clothing then that perhaps we might wear later.

When my boys were old enough they went with me, and liked it so well that later, they with other boys made a business of it and for some seasons supplied many homes with berries to put up for winter.

Dewberries grow on running vines. Little girls and frail women enjoy gathering them.

On the gravelly hillsides where the sun lingers long, you find the wild strawberries, smaller but sweeter than the tame ones.

Raspberries grow in rich soil but amid rocks and bushes, hard to get to, but about the best of all.

There were afternoons, with children in the woods, to pick up chestnuts, when frost had opened the burs to let them fall from the trees, and other afternoons for hickory nuts that come down with the autumn leaves.

It is easier to prevent child delinquency than to cure it. Lack of proper perspective may help cause it. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread" (Gen. 3:19), an old law, never repealed, nor evaded with impunity. Work is honorable. There is even something for little hands to do, and ideals for young minds and hearts to cherish. Their future is in dim outline.

"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, And he addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov. 10:22).

## COMPARISON OF PLACES AND PEOPLE

When our relatives left Tennessee, for Indiana the entire country was largely agricultural. They were pioneers seeking for better lands that were more easily tilled and more productive.

The lands of the mountain regions of the south were then, and still are full of springs, and streams of water.

The bottom lands were good then, and still are fertile and fruitful.

From the marginal clearings that reached back toward the wooded hills, the top soil very often washed away after continuous tillage. Many of the owners had not learned then how to rotate their crops. The fields



usually became poorer, some of them full of gullies, and often just left alone, while other clearings were made. Briers, bushes and sedge grass often began to grow on the abandoned fields. It looked like these growths were trying to redeem what the owners were neglecting. In these places partridges and other low flying birds made their home. Rabbits hopped about in the late afternoons and on the sides not cleared, squirrels jumped around in the trees on the dewey mornings. On the night-shifts were wide-eyed owls that fly better in the dark than in the light. Skunks sometimes hurried along on the ground and possums climbed up in the haw bushes and mulberry trees in the night time. Foxes trotted through en route from one rocky ridge to another, while raccoons made their way from the fringe of trees on one creek, across fields or woods, to another one like it.

The immigrants who went away usually prospered and so did their children after them, especially if they worked and saved and lived right. Those who remained in East Tennessee have learned now how to conserve the fertility of the soil and other natural resources, rotate crops and let cattle and sheep climb the hills, and pick the grasses, where more than two blades grow now, where only one grew before.

In later years many of the falling streams have been harnessed and produce electrical current for mills that spin and weave, and for factories that bring to useful production the minerals under the hills, as well as the timbers that grow upon them.

Some people still go North and West, while others from up that way come down south to find employment, where the sun shines brighter in the winter time. There are in fact such balances in nature, everywhere, until it looks like everybody can think they have the best place in the world to live, and can give reasons, convincing to themselves at least, that they are not too badly wrong about it either.

### INTERCHANGE OF VISITS

My father, Noah H. Chiles, in his youth went up to

Indiana to visit his relatives. Report has it that he and three other men went together, taking it time about riding two horses. While up there he worked awhile on the Vermillion farm. In our old family album is a tin type picture of my father and a cousin, one of the Tinker boys, who had driven live stock to market, and had their pictures made while there. My father returned to Tennessee by train, and on September 6, 1877 was united in marriage to our mother, Rachel Cordelia Tarver, daughter of Samuel J. Tarver (1831-1906) and wife Mary Ann Booker (1831-1893). My mother's grand-father was Ruffin Tarver, born in North Carolina, and married Sally Crawford, born in Georgia.

In the summer of 1903 I supplied for two Sundays the pulpit of the Thirty-first Street Baptist church in Indianapolis, Indiana, and spent the intervening week days visiting the cousins out from there. At Anderson I went to the Silica factory to see John Linville Childs, head furnace man. Out in the country I visited Maynard Childs and family on their good farm, and Lewis Coffee, Childs on his larger one. On the latter place natural gas had been discovered. Great engines were busy by day and by night, pumping it out to be carried by pipe lines to users how far away I do not know. Some of the pipe lines in that section lay on top of the ground. I remember that, because of the unpleasant odors that came up from one of them as we drove along the road, where it was leaking a little. Those wells have been dry a long time now, I am told.

In June 1938, Thomas A Childs now deceased, and family, visited us at Rogersville, Tenn. My wife was seriously sick, and I asked him, a layman, to lead a prayer for her recovery, which he did in a tender and spiritual way. He had helped gather facts of this history before that, and continued to do so afterwards.

In May 1950 I attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago, along with my son Walter and son-in-law George Lovell. It was about dark when we got to Anderson Indiana, but called one of the cousins by phone and soon they had quite a gathering of the kindred at the home



of John L. Childes 2nd, 520 E. 38th St. To us his aged mother was the honor guest. It was a time of memories about our ancestors and better acquaintance among ourselves.

In March 1954, John Linville Childs 2nd and wife came by to see us for a few hours at Lockhart Florida. They helped in bringing up to date some of the above facts, and encouraged me in the re-writing of it all. Again they came in 1955, and we went over it again.

This past winter 1957 Gola M. Childes and wife came by to see us for a few hours. We went over what we thought were the finals on the manuscript, but some changes have since had to be made. "Time and tide wait for no man."

### SOME GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Our people generally are of the middle class. Most of them whether in the city, towns or the open country have comfortable homes in which to live. For the most part they are both masters and servants about their places. Many of them own at least a little land and seem naturally to be lovers of the soil.

As a whole they come pretty well under the prayer of Proverbs 30:8,9: "Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me; lest I be full and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor and steal, and take the name of my God in vain."

So far, in my limited visitations, I have found none of them in prisons, inmates of insane asylums, alchoholics or on charity. Most of them are good workers, plain, honest people, without pretense, who know that we ought to be better than we are, and do better than we do.

"Finally, brethern, pray for us" (II Thess. 3:1).

### HOW ABOUT THE NAME?

In this brief family history, you notice that it is spelled in three different ways: Chiles, Childs and Childes. The first two seem to be variations that have come about by accident or by the choice of ancestors and held to by their descendents. The last one has both the "d" and the

"e" in it, and is used by a group up in Indiana. It is changed they know, but just when, why, and by whom has not been found out for certain. Up until the present time, however, we know that the differences in spelling do not affect the kinship, but this may not be so clear later on as we may become more widely scattered, or may not know our origins so well.

## A BACKWARD AND A FORWARD LOOK

"What profit hath a man of all his labor, which he taketh under the sun. One generation passeth away and another cometh, but the earth abideth forever" (Eccl. 1:3). Our ancestors have gone; we ourselves are going. The question is where are we going? That cannot be ignored except at our peril for both time and never ending eternity.

Let the Bible speak: "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3) "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on Him" (John 3:36). "For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come." (Heb. 13:12). "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

## DETACHED NOTES

Mrs. Mydelle Wear, 2131 Dartmouth Place, Charlotte, N. C. wrote me in 1953 and again in April 1956, the latter letter telling of a trip she had made to libraries in Washington D. C., Nashville, Tenn., and on to Texas, trying to find out more about her Chiles ancestors, and present day relatives.

James B. Childs, 1221 Newton St., N. E. Washington 17, D. C., is anxious to hear from other descendents of his great, great, grandfather, Hezekiah Chiles born in Virginia in 1760, married in N. C., moved to Lincoln County, Tenn., in 1817, and died there in 1834. His son Thomas Chiles, born in 1796, became a Baptist minister and died in Lincoln County, Tenn. in 1872.



Pastor H. C. Chiles, now of First Baptist Church, Murray, Ky., and for some years before at Barbourville, Ky., was reared in that state, and visited us once at our home at Rogersville Tenn.

James H. Chiles practiced medicine in and around Orlando Florida, including our community at Lockhart, for a great many years. He was the faithful, friendly, type of family physician. He died August 6, 1951, past 74 years of age. We had been here over 7 years then. I feel now like bringing a flower of tribute to his memory. The widow still lives at 20, North Shine Street, Orlando, also a daughter in that city, another daughter in California. His son Seaborn is a pilot in Hong Kong China for The Pan-American Airlines.

Waverly Barbe of Glendale Kentucky, in 1939, had gathered quite a genealogy of the Chiles family. His great grand-mother was Frances Chiles, who married Charles Barker. She was the daughter of Paul Chiles who died in 1761, and his wife Anne. They lived in Halifax County, Virginia.

Our ancestors of course settled first in the eastern shore in Virginia in what was then Charles City county, then westward with quite a number stopping in Washington County in southwestern Virginia, and then on down into East Tennessee, especially in the Knoxville area, and from there northward into Indiana and Missouri and some, of course in other directions, southward and westward.

Others of the original line, who at first continued to live farther east in Virginia, may have later gone southward into the Carolinas and on into Georgia and farther westward. If so, distant kinship would still exist, although not traceable now.

### *SOME VERY PERSONAL WORDS*

*by the author*

Beginning with the name of my great grandfather Paul Chiles, who was born in 1781, the writer has tried to find and put down the number, and if possible the names, of those who bear the surname, and those of other names

in many instances. I have had the help of trustworthy relatives. For the sake of exactness all of it has been rewritten more than once, and much of it several times. If mistakes have been made, or names left out, just know that it was not intentional.

May I suggest to families that you ought to get copies of this booklet both for yourselves and each of your children, and make records of changes on the back pages. History still goes on, and other booklets larger than this one will likely need to be written later, if time continues. We hope this one will help about that.

The facts about our families have been gathered in, like precious sheaves from many fields. Now they are to be bound together in a printed volume, in memory of our dead, in love for the living, and for information, and we hope, inspiration, to those who may come after us. May we all bear the name worthily of each other and of our Creator and Saviour. Here now is a good final word for us all: "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8).

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Wm. H. Chiles family from Mrs. Grace Chiles Ault,  
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My father's family can write to me,  
John R. Chiles, Lockhart, Florida.

The price will be \$1.00 for 2 copies until expenses are paid.

### IRA NELSON CHILES

I write his name in capital letters because he has done so much to help in gathering facts about our line of the family history.

I first heard of him about the year 1935 while he was



a graduate student in George Peabody college at Nashville Tenn .He had heard that I was interested in our lineage and so wrote to me. Soon he sent copies of realty transfers from court house records at Knoxville that had been made by my foreparents, and other facts that I had never heard of before.

Later he visited at our home at Rogersville Tenn. While there we went to Jonesville, Lee County, Virginia, and in the court house there he found similar facts about another distant relative.

The articles that follow in this booklet were written by him or from information furnished by him. You will notice that many of the facts are fully documented down to details as to time, place and persons; and over a wide area. A good family historian has a price to pay.

Ira Nelson Chiles has had an interesting educational career. He was graduated from both Central Wesleyan academy and college of Missouri, principal of High school at Campbell Mo., principal of Central Wesleyan academy, and Superintendent of schools at Warrenton Mo., teacher in Central Wesleyan College, then its president, 1925 to 1935. He was awarded an M. A. degree by University of Missouri in 1923; entered George Peabody college at Nashville Tenn., in 1935 for graduate work; was soon employed by The Tennessee Valley Authority as an Education Officer. He had also done work at North-east Missouri State Teacher's college, University of Chicago, University of Southern California, and Leland Stanford university. Since 1948 he has been with the University of Tennessee, and now (1957) professor of education there. He is a member of the Methodist church, and teaches a Sunday School class at Church Street Methodist Church. We thank him for finding, recording and giving to us so many facts about the history of our people, which otherwise we likely never would have known.

## THE CHILES FAMILY

*By Ira Nelson Chiles*

Probably the original spelling of the CHILES name was CHYLDE or CHILDE which was the ancient title for King. In some instances it seems to have meant the oldest son of the King or the Crown Prince. Chylde Tristram is mentioned in Spencer's "Farrie Queen"; Chylde Rowland in "King Lear"; and Byron's "Childe Harold" is well known. Most authorities agree that CHILDE is the correct spelling of the name and that CHILD, CHILDES, CHILDS and CHILES are all corruptions of the name.

The CHILES spelling is found in public records of Bristol, England, and the nearby counties in the sixteenth century. For example, the will of William Carry of St. Nicholas Parish, City of Bristol, April 2, 1571, mentions his kinswoman, Annes Chiles.

(At the Baptist world Alliance in Atlanta, Georgia in July 1939, I met and had conversation with R. L. Child, pastor then of a large church in Bristol England. J.R.C.)

So far as can be ascertained the first permanent resident in America named CHILES was Lieut. Colonel Walter Chiles, who, with his wife, Elizabeth, and their two sons, William and Walter, were in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1638. They came over in his own ship, "The Fame of Virginia". In that year he was granted 400 acres of land (50 acres for each person he brought over) in that part of Charles City County which afterwards became Prince George County.

He took an active part in the affairs of the Colony. He was a Burgess from Charles City County in 1642 and from James City County in 1645-6-9. In 1652 he was chosen Speaker of the House of Burgesses but declined the office because matters in which he was personally interested were to come before the House. These matters involved his claim for damages arising from the seizure of his ship, "The Fame of Virginia" under the pretext that he had no license from Cromwell's "Protectorate". He was highly praised for his integrity in this matter. Incidentally, in satisfaction of his claim, he was given the ship, "Leopoldas". He was a member of the Council in 1651.



He died in 1653 leaving a large estate which included the famous "Kemp House" in James City County. This was reputed to have been the first brick house erected in America. Walter purchased it from Sir William Berkeley, March 20, 1649.

It is not known what became of his younger son, William, but the older son, Walter II, survived and became a prominent citizen. He was a Burgess from James City County in 1658-9-60-3 and was a Warden of James Parish. His first wife was Mary Page, daughter of Colonel John Page, who bore him two children, John and Elizabeth. The latter was the grandmother of President John Tyler. His second wife was Susannah—perhaps Graves, perhaps Brooks, who was the mother of Henry Chiles. His will was dated November 15, 1671.

Henry (third generation in America) married Margaret (Littlepage)? and was the father of the following eight children: Richard, Margaret, Daniel, Henry, Jr. who married Anne Harrelson; Rev. James, a prominent Baptist minister who married Elizabeth Durrett; Walter, 1699-1779; Hezekiah; and Valentine who married Giles Tompkins.

*Henry, Jr.* (fourth generation) married Anne Harrelson, daughter of Paul Haralson and his wife, Rebekka, who came from Holland to New Kent County, Virginia, before 1715. The Harrelsons are descended from King Olaf (Haroldson or Haraldsson) of Denmark and Sweden. Hern-don Haralson, Paul's great-grandson, in his diary, says that the family "went from Denmark to Holland and from thence to New Kent County, Virginia. (See will of Paul Haralson, Hanover, Virginia, Record Book, page 46. Will dated 1718, recorded April 5, 1734.) Henry died in 1746, leaving the following children: Paul, Henry, John, Ann who married Major John Ward, Elizabeth and Susanna.

*Paul* (fifth generation) married Ann ?. He died in 1761. Their children were, Henry, Paul, Rowland, Elizabeth who married James Phillip, and Frances who married Charles Barker.

The above children of Paul Chiles who died in 1761 and his wife Ann who died in 1776 are in the sixth generation. He left a will dated Sept. 2, 1761, a total of 1638 acres of land in detail to his children, and "All back lands not mentioned in the will to be sold and divided equally among the children." "To my loving wife sixty pounds to be at her disposal" and homestead rights. (Notice the English form of currency.) The family lines divided here. Ira Nelson's is through Rowland (6) Our line already recorded is from Henry (6) above who married Fanny. Their children, seventh generation:

### THE SEVENTH GENERATION

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Henry Chiles, b-1779, d-4-4 1855, m. Nancy ? b-4-3-1783, d-2-24 1849. Their graves on Emory Road, Knox Co. Tenn. His second wife was Mary J. | [7] M. Catherine        |
|                                                                                                                                                 | 3. William              |
|                                                                                                                                                 | 4. Rolen married Amelia |
|                                                                                                                                                 | 5. Katherine Barker.    |
|                                                                                                                                                 | 6. Nancy Meek,          |
| 2. Paul Chiles, b-1781, d-9-16 1885                                                                                                             | 7. Polly Russell        |

*For our line turn back to the beginning of this booklet.  
For continuance of Ira Nelson's lineage forward to the end.*

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## THE SEVENTH GENERATION

Rowland [6] married [1]  
Nancy Sandlin.

[2] Amilla Frost. He died  
in Anderson Co., Tenn. in  
1825.

1. Sarah married Joseph Frost in Huntsville Ala., Feb. 10 1811, b 1791, d 1865; burial Camp Branch cemetery, Pendelton Mo. Great grand parents of Ira Nelson Chiles
2. John married Katy Cox, parents of John Coffee Chiles, long prominent citizen of Knoxville.
3. Anne married Rev. Joshua Frost
4. Paul married Lucinda Kersey and spent most of his life in Giles Co., Tenn.
5. Thomas Frost Chiles, b. Bottecourt Co. Va. [8] d. Warrenton Mo., Dec. 27 1865, m. Phebe Blankenship, daughter of Joseph Blankenship of Bedford Co., Va.,
6. Elizabeth married Larkin Sawyers
7. Rowland Horseley married Nancy Calloway 4-5-1821.
8. William Micajah, m. Elizabeth Wilkins died 1830.
9. Phebe married Edward Rogers.

## THE EIGHTH GENERATION

Thomas Frost Chiles [7],  
m. Phebe Blankenship, had  
descendents as follows:

1. Rowland Allison Chiles b. 10-30-1814 m. Virginia Alizar, died 7-15-1889.
2. Wm. Frost Chiles, b. 9-25-1816, Huntsville, Ala., d. Warrenton Mo. 9-23-1907. His wife was Martha Plummer of Morgan County Indiana, d. 9-23-1907.
3. Polly Ann b. 9-16-1818, m. Andrew Smith, d. 11-11-1877.
4. Joseph b. 1820;
5. Amanda born 1822.
6. Frances Miller, b. 4-10-1823, m. John Skinner d. 9-28-1908.
7. Hannah Elizabeth b. 9-28-1824, m. James Lynch, d. 2-1-1891.
8. Minerva A. b. 11-16-1835, m. George W. Blankenship, died 9-21-1889.

## THE NINTH GENERATION

Wm. Frost Chiles [8],  
married Martha Plummer.  
Children born to them:

1. Thomas Kelley Chiles, b. 9-18-1840, m. Jane McIntire, d 4-16-1909.
- Co. Mo., 5-14-1848 died in Pendleton Mo., Jan. 16, 1924 His wife was Edith Florence Stearns

2. Phebe Amanda.
3. Levi Rucker.
4. Joseph P. Plummer b. 10-18-84, m. Eliza McIntyre, died 7-16-1921.
5. Annie Elizabeth, b. 11-16-1846, m. Wm. Blankenship, died 12-27-1888.
6. John Skinner Chiles, b. Warren born at Stanstead, Quebec Canada, June 30, 1857, died Pendleton Mo., March 7, 1918. Parents of Ira Nelson Chiles.
7. Robert Nelson Chiles, b. 12-6-1849, m. Minerva Kilgore, d. 5-17-1934.
8. Rowland Allison Chiles.

## THE TENTH GENERATION

John Skinner Chiles [9],  
married Edith Florence  
Stearns. Their descendents  
follow:

1. William Stearns Chiles, [10], born Dec. 14 1881, married Ida V. Houk. Address now Jonesburg, Missouri. To them one son was born, Herbert Cyrus, Jan. 2, 1913, married Wilma Nierman, died July 28, 1943 in World War II; in line of descent eleven [11].
2. Ira Nelson Chiles [10], the other son of John Skinner Chiles, and Edith Florence Stearns, born March 7, 1891 near Pendleton, Warren County, Missouri, address now, Box 1626, Knoxville 1, Tennessee.

## FINALE, (J.R.C.)

Ira Nelson Chiles is tenth in line from our common American ancestor and so am I. We are very distant cousins. But did not our Savior say: "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren" (Matt .23:8). So there is a high and holy relationship that we can and should choose for ourselves. "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made a live" (1 Cor. 15:22). "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3:6,7).

"The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance" (Rom. 2:4). "Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal.3:26).

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ of whom the while family in heaven and earth is named" (Eph. 3:14, 15). November 2, 1957.











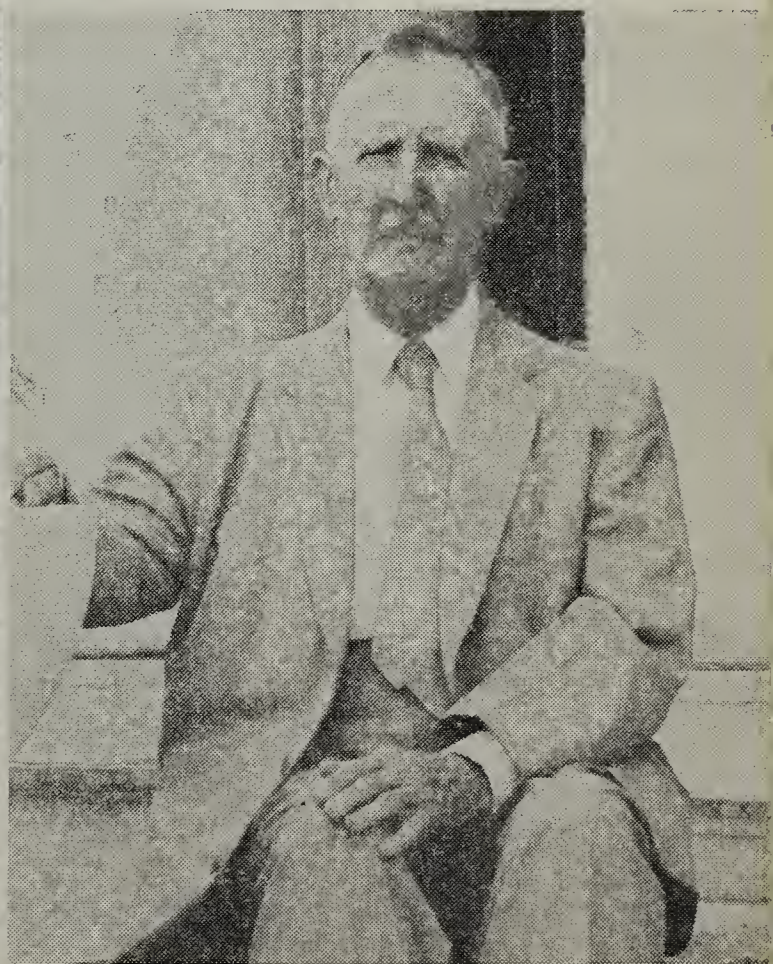




JOHN LINVILLE CHILDS AND WIFE, MARGARET ANN BRANDON

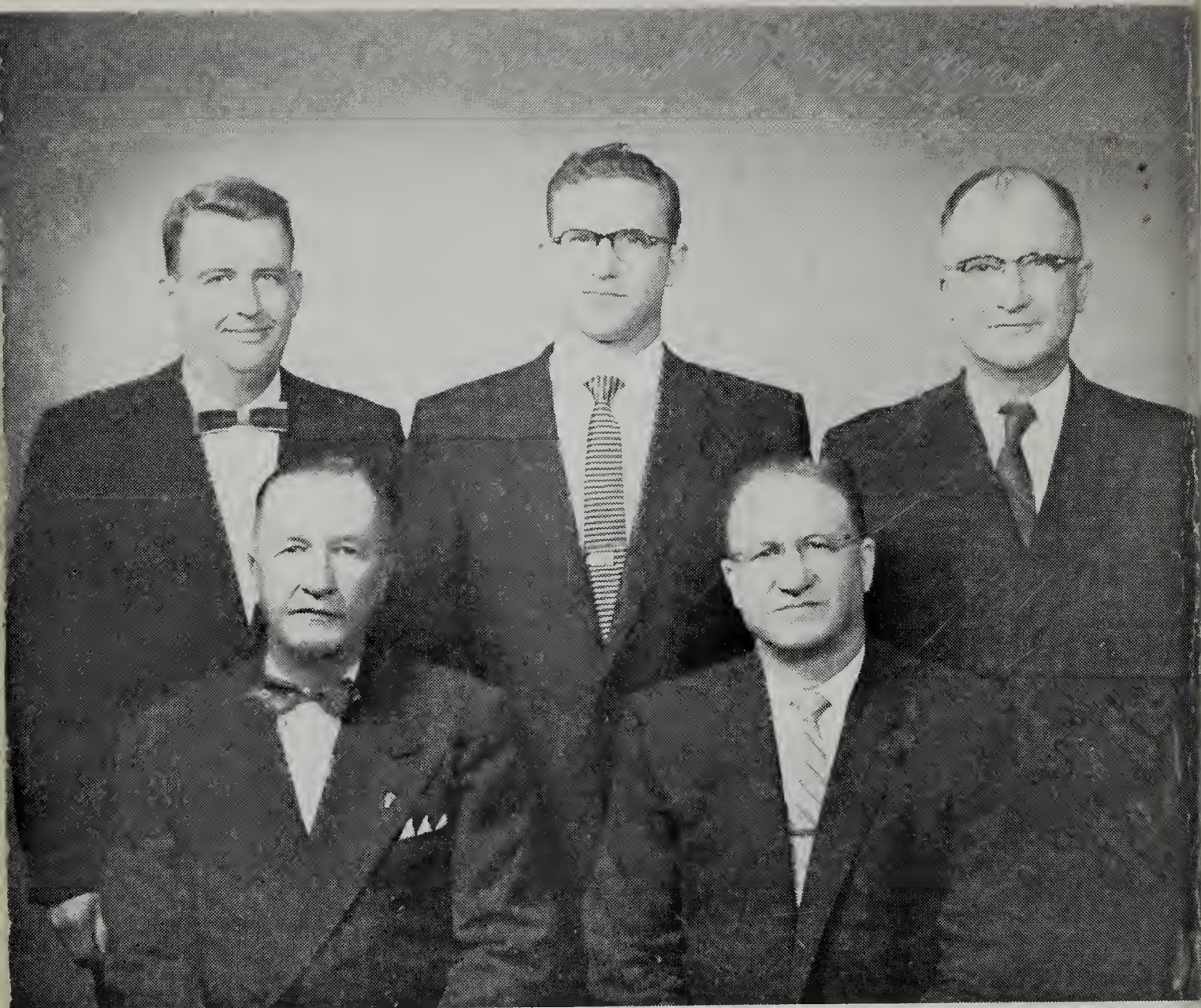


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*Helpers in everyway about the book.*

STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT:  
DONALD, JOHN, JR., (JACK),  
HERMAN

SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT:  
GOLA, JOHN, 2nd, *father of Jac*

LEFT: THOMAS A. CHILDES,  
*deceased, father of Donald*



